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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Richard Palinkas

Title: TREE SHAKER PAD

Serial No.: 09/406,666

Filed On: September 27, 1999

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please replace the paragraph starting on line 10 and ending on line 16 as follows:

Most nuts, olives, and some fruit are harvested using a tree shaker.

These machines usually provide a mechanism for gripping a tree's trunk and shaking the tree thereby causing ripened nuts, olives, or fruit to fall to the ground or onto a collecting apron spread under the tree. Tree shaking devices typically include

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